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Media Release

Supporting the Frankston Waterfront Festival 2026

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The Albanese Labor Government is delivering on its commitment to support our live music industry to keep venues open and festivals entertaining fans across the country.

Through the Revive Live program, the Albanese Labor Government will provide support to 105 organisations across Australia, including the Waterfront Festival in Dunkley.

The funding ensures music venues and festivals remain open and accessible to all audiences.

Among those receiving funding are:

- **Waterfront Festival 2026, Victoria:** will receive \$95,000 for Original Australian Artist Fees and Equipment Costs.

Minister for the Arts, Tony Burke, said the program is continuing to provide much-needed support at a particularly difficult time for the Australian live music industry.

“We understand the challenges contributing to cancellations and closures among the live music scene, that’s why the Albanese Labor Government established Revive Live, to provide targeted support.

“Venue and festival owners across Australia have told me that Revive Live has provided the support they need to continue hosting and promoting live music.

“Gigs have always been a huge part of my life. I know the vital role live music venues and festivals play in providing local artists with the chance to perform, develop and grow audiences.



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“Music lovers should be able to enjoy local gigs; artists should be able to make a career out of their music and Revive Live is doing just that.

Member for Dunkley, Jodie Belyea MP said:

“The Waterfront festival is a much-loved community event that brings everyone together to enjoy live entertainment on our pristine foreshore. As the local member I am proud that the Albanese Labor Government is providing this much deserved funding for the festival in 2026.”

Established in the 2024-25 Budget, Revive Live aligns with the Albanese Labor Government’s National Cultural Policy, *Revive*, which recognises the Australian music sector as a vibrant part of our arts and cultural landscape.

Through *Revive*, the Government last year established Music Australia within Creative Australia, with new funding of more than \$69 million to support and promote the Australian contemporary music industry to increase discoverability and develop markets and audiences.

More information about Revive Live including successful applicants can be found [here](#).

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